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Sent: Monday, October 19, 2020 10:32 AM
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To: Members of the Pasadena City Council 10/19/20

From Val Sklar Robinson

Re: Regional opening of yoga in Pasadena

To Mayor Tornek, Vice Mayor Hampton and the Pasadena City Council

I appreciate you listening to the public comments from my community 2 weeks ago on October 5th. You can see that Hot Yoga Pasadena provides an essential service to our local community and that we are ESSENTIAL! You also heard from the letters and public comment that when we were allowed to open in June, we did so safely by following all of the local fitness guidelines. Our city should be moving away from the rest of LA County by asking for regional reopening as suggested by DR. Drew on the local news.

The 5 logical and reasonable reasons the City of Pasadena should fight for our businesses by moving regionally away from LA County:

1. The Pasadena average daily positive case is now 4 or below. Based on Gavin Newsom's guidelines, Pasadena could have 10 average daily cases. Our cases have stayed low with the opening of hair and nail salons and indoor malls because our city knows how to open safely and takes safety seriously.
2. Our hospitalizations are also low and WE HAVE OUR OWN HEALTH OFFICER IN PASADENA!
3. We are yoga, not fitness and we do not pose a "high risk" because of "projecting respiratory droplets" as Dr. Goh stated in Why the state is not allowing yoga and fitness to open.
4. Yoga should not even be classified with fitness. We breathe normally and calmly through the nose and do not pose that risk.
5. Our Pasadena cases continue to be extremely low as our community and businesses take the virus seriously by enforcing mask wearing, physical distancing and hygiene.

Please let me open safely so I can offer safe classes to those who want to return to the studio like my student who sent you all a letter as his PTSD and depression have worsened dramatically without access to studio classes.

I appreciate that the city now allows classes in parks, but you didn't for over 2 months and practicing yoga on the asphalt is not a great option. Please let us open safely now! You can do this.

Thanks so much

Val Sklar Robinson
owner, Hot Yoga Pasadena

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Jomsky, Mark

From: Mermell, Steve
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 12:49 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Fwd: Message For the City Clerk in Support of Dr. Goh and the Pasadena Public Health Department

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From: Gary Stern <gstern@highpointacademy.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 12:31 PM
To: Goh, Ying-Ying; Mermell, Steve
Cc: Gary Stern
Subject: Message For the City Clerk in Support of Dr. Goh and the Pasadena Public Health Department

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Dear Dr. Goh and Steve,

Thank you so much for sharing your valuable time and insight with the Pasadena Area School Heads (PASH) today. Please submit the following to the City Clerk in support of Dr. Goh and the Pasadena Public Health Department.

Warmest regards,

Gary Stern
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"Dr. Goh and the Pasadena Public Health Department have consistently demonstrated dedicated and courageous leadership and sage guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Pasadena Area School Heads (PASH) and I are appreciative of and grateful for our positive partnership and collaboration with Dr. Goh and her team. Both on an individual and collective basis, Dr. Goh and the PPHD have helped us compassionately and prudently shepherd, lead, and navigate our school communities through these uncharted waters. PASH and I are forever grateful."

Warmest regards,

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